

GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES

What Transients and Regular Guests Have to Say.

PROSPERITY OF RICHMOND.

Values in Real Estate, It is Predicted, Will Continue to Advance—Local Prosperity Contrasted with That of Other Cities.

The evidences of prosperity prevailing in Richmond form a frequent topic of comment about the hotels. A gentleman, who is evidently well informed on local conditions, speaking of revival of prosperity said, at New Ford's: "The greatest activity in real estate has not yet become manifest. The fluctuations in that species of property may be likened to the swing of a pendulum from extreme to extreme. When the market is depressed, people will not buy real estate at any price, but when the earth's service is in demand, investors lose their heads and scramble for real estate at any price. Following a period of depression, real estate is slow to recover. It is looking up now, however, and the improvement in the tone of the market will be uniform and steady. It will outlast prosperity in all other fields of activity. Mark my words."

A gentleman at Murphy's said last night: "I will wager a modest bit at odds of two to one that the office of Register of the Land Office will not be abolished. I have made it my business to interview a number of the returning Legislators this evening. Out of at least twelve men with whom I have talked, nine expressed their determination to oppose abolition of the office."

Continuing he said: "The fight, I believe, will now be made on the incumbent of the office. Who his opponent will be I cannot find out. He made inquiries along that line. His name, however, has been diligently suppressed."

Mr. William Harris, a travelling man in the service of the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company, is spending a few days on holiday season at Murphy's. He is much impressed with the prosperity of Richmond, and compared it with conditions prevailing in some of the cities in the South which are embraced in the territory he travels. He does not dispute the fact that a healthy business tone pervaded some of the cities in question, but attributed most of the prosperity they enjoy to the presence of troops recently at some of the Southern communities. An immense sum of money was distributed by Uncle Sam on account of his troops.

At the Jefferson: Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins, Charlottesville; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dehols, Staunton; Mr. and Mrs. D. Lowenberg, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lowry, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huchler, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. L. Maynard, Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Duke, Charlottesville; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alexander, Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ryan, Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lupton, Winchester.

At Murphy's: T. A. Lynch and wife, Tazewell; O. M. Goodie, Staunton; Joseph Whithead, Charlottesville; Dr. R. L. Owen, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mallory, Jr., Lawrenceville; E. A. Langhorne, Lynchburg; J. H. P. Leigh, Petersburg; G. G. Tyler, Charles City county; Lyon G. Taylor, Williamsburg; H. L. Owen, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. V. Weisenberg, Finland; W. A. Thomas and C. M. Watson, Ashland; C. W. Stone, Martinsville; Mrs. N. M. King, Virginia; R. T. Bohn, Leesburg.

Clerk of the Senate Joseph Dutton is at the Jefferson, having returned to Richmond after spending the holidays at his home in Appomattox.

Senator H. L. Maynard, of Portsmouth, and ex-Speaker Ryan are registered at the Jefferson.

Mr. John May, of Tepeka, Kan., is in this city, and a guest at the Jefferson. Mr. May is the superintendent of motive power of the Atchafalaya, Tonika and Santa Fe railway, and is here to confer with the company's interests in Richmond.

Mr. G. S. Fowler, the Southern representative of the Corning Brake-Shoe Company, with headquarters at Washington, is at the Jefferson. Mr. Fowler will leave this evening for Washington.

Mr. E. B. Davis, of New York, secretary of the Miles-Two Company, and Eastern Manager, Gaylord, of the Pines Light Company, with headquarters at New York, are at the Jefferson.

At the Lexington: Richard Parks, Lynchburg; John N. Stanton, M. S. Warren, Portsmouth; Tipton Jennings and wife, Lynchburg; J. M. G. Fitzpatrick, Chester; J. T. O'Neill, Crozet; J. R. M. Wane, Lynchburg; Colonel E. D. Cole, Fredericksburg; Ernest Williams, Virginia; J. A. Hurley, Lynchburg; George Pritchett, Greensboro; A. B. Daigniere, Winston; William H. Boaz, Albemarle county, Va.

At the St. Claude-William A. Good, Henning, Va.; J. E. Fuller, Amelia, Va.; T. S. Hamilton, Abingdon; Andrew B. S. Middle Branch; W. H. Worsley, Rocky Mount, N. C.; George C. Shepherd, Virginia; Robert Brydon, Jr., Newport News; C. W. Anderson, Scottsville; L. D. Barnes, Norfolk; W. D. Williams, Va.

Misses Janet Hope Peck, Mary Rowe, Marie Peck, Lenora Ashmore, and Mrs. J. C. Witten, of Hampton, are at the Lexington. They are on their way to the Marion Woman's College, Lynchburg.

At the Albemarle-M. Dudley, Norfolk; C. J. Bradley, Jackson, N. C.; W. M. Gleick, Philadelphia; G. B. Shank, Petersburg; G. E. W. Allen, Hampton, Va.

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The giants of the forest must yield at last to the continual blows of the woodman. When the human hand has become clogged and impure the little drops of Hood's Sarsaparilla, properly taken, will fell the oak of bad blood.

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COMPLICATIONS INCREASE.

The Case of the Atlantic Transportation Company.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 2.—Special.—When the report of the receivers in the case of the Atlantic Transportation Company comes up before Special Commissioner Bowen in Norfolk on the 12th instant, it is probable that there will be developments that will still further complicate the already almost inextricably tangled affairs of that remarkable, though now defunct, corporation.

The issue, it is completely said, will be one that has never before arisen in this case. Briefly, it will be a fight on the part of the general creditors, headed by the Western National Bank of New York, which will probably amount to an effort to secure the forfeit of the \$100,000 bond of the receivers, Messrs. Ingalls and Meany.

When the Knickerbocker Steam Towing Company precipitated the crisis in the affairs of the company by suing out an attachment on the Chesapeake and Ohio, which had a carriage arrangement with the company, applied for receivers for the Atlantic Transportation Company, securing the appointment of Ingalls and Meany, who in that capacity had the management of the affairs of the defunct company in their hands for a period between five and six months.

In that time, it is stated on good authority, the company was operated at a loss of \$185,000.

It will be claimed by the general creditors that the Coastwise Steamship Company, which took up the trade upon the death of the Atlantic Transportation Company, making the Chesapeake and Ohio, was made a sort of clearing-house for the business. This company will claim, then, that this indebtedness of \$185,000 is a primary lien by reason of its being receivers' expenses. The general creditors, however, headed by the Western National Bank, will claim that the receivers acted in concert with the Chesapeake and Ohio, and that the Coastwise Steamship Company was simply an arm of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and that the receivers, immediately upon their appointment, entered into a contract with this arm of the Chesapeake and Ohio to carry coal for about one-half of the rate that the Chesapeake and Ohio had formerly paid to the Coastwise Steamship Company, which claim, if substantiated, would, in the minds of the claimants, sufficiently explain the loss of the \$185,000.

These general creditors will claim that it would be unfair to give the \$185,000 to the Coastwise Steamship Company, as such action would have the effect of letting the Chesapeake and Ohio have its coal carried at about cost, and give what they term the Chesapeake and Ohio a bonus of \$185,000 into the bargain.

The Chesapeake and Ohio, and the receivers, of course, emphatically deny all these imputations, and are prepared by evidence and argument to fight the assumption.

It is easily seen, however, that this issue, which has so curiously cropped up, now dominates the whole proceedings, and upon the court's decision future issues will largely depend.

It is probable that an interesting feature of the proceedings before Special Commissioner Bowen will be the production of the decree of Chancellor Mag. of New Jersey, accepting the resignation of Receivers Ingalls and Meany. This decree will doubtless be presented by the creditors in support of their claim, for it is said not to be fulsomely complimentary to the receivers. The fight, of course, before Judge Waddill will be against the reception of the report by the court.

Judge Waddill to-day appointed the Board of Assessors recently authorized for Newport News by the Legislature. The three are R. W. Perkins, former member of the Legislature from this district; C. D. West, a well-known young business man, and C. C. Crawford, deputy Corporation Court clerk. The first two are freeholders. All are Democrats.

Stole a Lady's Don.

Albert Pennick (colored) was arrested last night by Policeman W. J. Gentry for carrying a concealed weapon. A search revealed some stolen goods, evidently belonging to some lady. Among them was a silk bonnet. Owner can get the goods by going to the Second Police Station.

Accident Last Night.

An electric car ran against the buggy of Mr. C. J. Billups, the undertaker, last night, and the horse became frightened and almost unmanageable. The buggy was battered up and one wheel was broken. The accident occurred at Twelfth and Main streets.

DESTROYER OF CEVERA'S FLEET

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counts of the stirring events off the south coast of Cuba. Some of the controverted questions were gone into at length. The consensus of opinion of the naval officers as developed at the conference, seemed to favor the method of reward recommended by Secretary Long—the conferring of medals which would carry with them a percentage of increase of pay in lieu of advancement by medals.

This would compensate for actual promotion, both by giving increased pay and by giving to the recipients a distinction which would mark them for future service. At the same time, in some cases, it would work hardships; as, for instance, in the case of Captain Clark. Despite his heroic action in bringing the Oregon around the Horn in such marvellous style, and the gallant service of the Oregon in the Santiago fight, Captain Clark to-day is two numbers below his position at the opening of the war. This is due to the advancement of Manila captains, whose promotions were confirmed by the Senate. Captain Clark, at the conference to-day, however, was willing that Secretary Long's plan would be adopted in that justice might be done to the others.

The President, shortly after the reconvening of Congress to-morrow, will transmit his recommendations. It is not probable that in doing so he will accompany them by a special message calling attention to the grave injustice that has been done to the commander-in-chief, officers and men of the North Atlantic Squadron, in so long withholding from them the reward to which their gallant service entitles them.

TEXTILE CONDITIONS.

An Encouraging Review of Those in the South.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 2.—In an interview with an Associated Press representative, Mr. D. A. Tompkins, the well-known cotton mill expert, takes a most encouraging view of the textile conditions in the South. In reply to a question as to the prospects of new mill construction in 1900, Mr. Tompkins replied that expectations in this line will be fully met.

Continuing, he said: "New England has 13,000,000 spindles, of which 7,000,000 are located in Massachusetts. There are now 5,000,000 in the South. At the end of 1900 the South will have 7,000,000 spindles, and New England will still have 13,000,000. In Massachusetts new spindles are being put in on the stuff only, while the old ones are being discarded. In the case of the Old England has 4,000,000 spindles now; the South, 5,000,000; the United States, including the Middle States, 20,000,000. At the rate of 2,000,000 new spindles a year, the present rate of increase, ten years from now the United States would have about the same number of spindles as England. Of those New England and the Middle States would probably have 20,000,000, all on line goods, and the South, 5,000,000. In other words, the United States in 1910 will have as many spindles as England, and the South will have more spindles than New England and the Middle States combined."

Mr. Tompkins says there is not the slightest fear of over-production if we properly develop our market opportunities. The Orient, he says, might be developed to take the product of 10,000,000 spindles in ten years, over and above the present production.

Just how remote the possibility of over-production is, is manifest from the fact that it will require 10,000,000 spindles to make the cotton crop of the world into the average grade of cloth, and it has been shown there are but 20,000,000 spindles in the United States and 5,000,000 in the South.

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THE GRIDIRON CLUB

Entertained at the Pinehurst Tea Farm Yesterday.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 2.—The members of the Gridiron Club and their guests, Senators Depew and Tillman, Representative Champ Clark and Dr. Edward Bedloe, of Philadelphia, were taken to Summerville, the famous winter resort, near this city, to-day. The visitors were entertained at the Pinehurst farm, where they were met by Senator Chamberlayne M. Depew, and it was a perfect gem of post prandial oratory.

Several other extemporaneous addresses were made, among them a clever speech by President H. C. Brown, of the Gridiron Club, extending thanks to the people of Charleston and to the people who had entertained him and his friends. The special train of the Gridiron Club left Summerville for the Seaboard for Washington at 5 o'clock this evening.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPPEL.

The Papal Delegate to Philippines Reaches Manila.

MANILA, Jan. 2.—P. M.—Archbishop Chappel, the papal delegate to the Philippines, arrived here to-day on the United States Transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco December 8th. He will lodge in the house formerly occupied by Charles Denby, of the Philippine Advisory Commission. This action on the part of Mgr. Chappel settles the contest between the various fraternal brotherhoods in Manila who, separately, have been using their influence to obtain the

Old Children

Many children look too old for their years. They go about with thin faces and sober manners not in keeping with robust childhood. If it's your boy or girl, give Scott's Emulsion.

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Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

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Tutt's Liver Pills

privilege of entertaining the Archbishop and his suite. Tamm, late of the California volunteers, and now a regular army chaplain, who was also a passenger on the Sherman.

It is said that the friars are striving to secure Mgr. Chappel's ear for the purpose of having better protection for individual interests.

Revolutionists have started the rumor that Mgr. Chappel intends eventually to recommend the appointment of Father McKinnon as archbishop, and the Philippines, the father's defense of the brotherhoods in the American newspapers has been translated and circulated among the natives for the purpose, it is declared, of showing that Father McKinnon will support the brotherhoods if he is selected. Such statements as these create uneasiness among the natives, which is increased by recent news received from Spain to the effect that Mgr. Chappel will support the brotherhoods.

NEBRASKA FUSIONISTS.

Want an Expression From Bryan on Action of Convention.

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 2.—The return of William J. Bryan to-morrow will be a great event for the Nebraska Fusion leaders as well as some Democrats of prominence from other States. Committee man Miller, of Oriskany, leads the advance of the outsiders, and has been here several days waiting for Colonel Bryan.

It is the plan to get an expression from Mr. Bryan on what he deems wise in the way of preliminary action by the national convention. Central committees of the Democratic and Silver Republicans will meet on Friday.

POWDER EXPLOSION.

Three Persons Killed and Three Others Badly Burned.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 2.—As a result of a powder explosion at the home of C. M. Patterson, near Dr. D. Postoffice, Lowndes county, last Friday, three people are dead and three badly burned. Mr. Patterson was loading shells preparatory to a hunting party, when a line of fire threw a piece of wood on the fire in the grate and the explosion followed a second later.

The little girl was instantly killed, and Mr. Patterson's father and mother, who were seated before the fire, were so badly burned that they died yesterday. Mr. Patterson is reported to be fatally injured, and is lying in an adjoining room with her clothes on and picked up her baby. Both were severely burned.

POLICE TAKE CHARGE.

Blockade Tracks of Northwestern Elevated Railway in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—After an exciting struggle, stretching over miles of elevated railway track, the police to-day took possession of the whole line of the Northwestern Elevated railway in this city. To-night the police have erected a barrier of ties and rails at the junction of the Northwestern Elevated tracks with those of the Union Pacific, and the regular crew of the company's one train is under arrest.

The arrests are the result of the refusal of the railway officials to comply with the order of the Commissioner of Public Works to cease train running, that official claiming that the company's structure was unsafe in its present altered and incomplete state, and that it did not comply with the requirements of the ordinance that it be completed for operation by January 1st.

ALLEN NOT A CANDIDATE.

Would Not Accept Nomination if Unanimously Tendered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Senator Allen, in an interview to-night, declared himself absolutely against his being a candidate for the Presidency on the part of the Fusion forces. He said: "I would not accept the nomination if it were unanimously tendered me. Mr. Bryan, undoubtedly, will be the candidate of the Democrats, Populists and Free Silver parties for the Presidency. Nebraska will give him a united, active delegation to all three of the conventions."

JUMPED THE TRACK.

A Trolley Car in Savannah Left the Rails, Killing the Motorman.

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 2.—A trolley car running at a high rate of speed to make up lost time, jumped the track this morning on a curve on Barnard street. The motorman, Henry Loper, was thrown over the dashboard, striking on his head. His neck was broken, and death was almost instantaneous.

The car was full of passengers, but only one, Clarence Godfrey, sustained injury. He was thrown from the platform and seriously hurt.

STATUE OF WASHINGTON.

City Council of Paris Has Selected a Site in American Quarter.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The City Council has chosen the site for the statue of Washington, which will be placed at the intersection of the Avenue Du Jen and the Avenue Du Trocadero. It is a fine site in the midst of the American quarter, with the Place Du Trocadero, the Palais Du Trocadero, the Arc De Triomphe and the Champs Elysees close by.

The pedestal has also been approved by the Council.

To Increase the Capital Stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The stockholders of the National City Bank met and rat-

fied the proposition of the directors to increase the capital stock of the bank to \$10,000,000.

At the meeting, Mr. J. P. Morgan, president of the bank, was given out, which announced that of the \$10,000,000, \$5,000,000 were represented, none voting against the proposition.

THE BIG FIRE OF YESTERDAY

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but the general freight department under Mr. E. D. Hotchkiss will probably be moved to the Exchange Bank building. The treasurer's office, Mr. C. E. Potts, was moved into the First National Bank building until other quarters can be secured. Auditor Sullivan, Superintendent of Motive Power, Morris, and Freight Auditor James, will remain in the building, as will the office of Mr. C. C. Walker, division superintendent; the train dispatcher and the telegraph office as soon as the wires can be gotten in order.

Second Vice-President, Axel, Chief Counsel, Wickham and Secretary Welford will be located in the Hannewinkel building. General Manager G. W. Stevenson and his staff moved into the Habington building, on the corner of Fifth and Main streets. Mr. John D. Potts, assistant general passenger agent, has moved into the Chamber of Commerce building. In the rooms occupied heretofore by the Citizens' Exchange Bank.

The Chesapeake and Ohio requests that all persons who have taken charge of any boxes from the building during the fire, will notify Mr. Potts at the above place. Among those who were out were Governor Tyler, who had been in his room. He laid down and continued in his room. He had work of the firemen for the space of thirty minutes with interest.

On all sides are heard words of praise for the gallant men, who in spite of the fire, whether under ice and the difference of fighting fire on so large a building, stood at their posts of duty until the last spark was extinguished.

MR. GARNETT'S INSURANCE.

It cannot yet be stated with any degree of accuracy what loss was sustained by Mr. Augustus H. Garnett, but it was calculated considerable from water, owing to the nature of the goods carried by him. The insurance carried was as follows:

Manchester of England, T. L. Alfriend, agent; \$500.
Orient, of Hartford, J. B. Moore & Co., agent; \$800.

Aetna, of Hartford, W. Talley, agent; \$1,000.
Agricultural, of Watertown, N. Y., G. D. Pleasant, Jr., agent; \$500.

Continental, of New York, S. H. Pulliam & Co., agents; \$500.
Hartford Fire, of Hartford, Geo. C. Jefferson, agent; \$500.

Dime Savings Bank, \$500.
Liverpool and London and Globe, Davenport & Co., agents; \$500.

While the fire was a most destructive one, it is matter for congratulation that the most valuable records and maps were saved. The loss can hardly be estimated, but the confusion in which things are at present.

The work of the firemen yesterday is beyond all praise. Although beset with the greatest difficulties and benumbed by the cold, they stuck to their task until the fire which threatened the entire block, had been extinguished.

The department was under the charge of Assistant Chief George C. Shaw, and well did he acquit himself.

Chief Barber, was called to be present on account of injuries received in a runaway accident Monday. Like an old war-horse who hears the din of battle in the distance, the Chief was a most unwelcome and unwilling prisoner.

The following note from Acting Chief Shaw explains itself:

Headquarters Fire Department, Richmond, Va., Jan. 2, 1900.

To the Public:

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the citizens who assisted our firemen in their efforts at the fire this morning, also to extend our appreciation for the sympathy and interest expressed in the following that we will in the future prove worthy of the praise so generously bestowed upon us, we beg to remain.

Your most obedient servant,
R. F. D. Acting Chief Engineer, R. F. D.

NOT SO GREAT.

An Official of the C. & O. Speaks of the Loss.

The loss sustained by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company in yesterday's fire, though great, is not as large as was first estimated. The papers that were destroyed were very valuable, and in many instances are without duplicates. It is impossible to estimate the loss sustained in dollars and cents, as the papers, though having no commercial value, cannot in some instances be replaced.

One of the high officials of the company said last evening: "The Chesapeake and Ohio Company thoroughly appreciates the work of the firemen, and for the slow progress of the loss would have been much greater. The men worked nobly, and too much praise for the brave fellows is impossible. They deserve the greatest credit."

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company is great, all the railroads of any importance in the country will be more or less affected, owing to the destruction of the papers in the offices of Car Service, which papers contain the entire rolling stock in service were filed, and this department was gutted.

NOTES OF THE FIRE.

Interesting Things Which Occurred During the Fire Yesterday.

Engine No. 4 ran away down Seventh street, hill yesterday, shortly after the fire had been put out. As the horses were brought out to be hitched up, the engine started of its own accord to move backward down the incline. It gained momentum as it ran, until it was abandoned by those who were endeavoring to stop it. Mr. David Gasch, of Engine No. 4, jumped upon the seat and applied the brake until the wild engine was brought to a standstill at the foot of Seventh street.

A telephone pole of the Southern Bell Telephone Company broke under the weight of ice upon the wires yesterday.

Mr. Robert Lecky served the firemen with hot coffee from Rueger's during the fighting yesterday morning.

A beautiful gold-headed cane, which was intended as a present to Superintendent C. C. Walker, was left in the dispatcher's office, and was burned.

Dispatcher Bibb lost a handsome diamond ring in the fire.

Molineux Trial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—In the trial of Roland B. Molineux charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, the defense to-day gave an intimation of its plan. Carry Cornish, who administered the poison to Mrs. Adams, was cross-examined by Attorney Weeks, whose questions were framed so as to suggest that Cornish mailed the Bromo-Serger bottle to himself; that he did not drink from the poison glass, and that he was not taken sick at the same time as Mrs. Adams.

Cornish's relations with women, and especially a Mrs. Paterson, who died in Chicago, were discussed and discrepancies in his testimony at different times were brought to the attention of the jury.

Approve Nicaragua Canal.

MAON, GA., Jan. 2.—The Macon Chamber of Commerce to-day unanimously adopted resolutions favoring the speedy construction of the Nicaragua canal as a measure of paramount importance to the South and urging the senators and representatives in Congress from Georgia to support any proper measure to secure the speedy completion of this great work.

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